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CALLING FOR ALL ILLEGALLY-HELD ARMS TO BE HANDED IN TO AUTHORITIES AND ANNOUNCING THAT THOSE WHO COMPLIED BY MAY 15 WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED. PRESIDENT TOOK NOTE OF EOKA B LEAFLET OFFERING TO HAND OVER WEAPONS (REFTEL) BUT MADE NO JUDGEMENT ON LEAFLET'S AUTHENTICITY.

2. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON ILLEGAL
ARMS WAS PART OF GENERAL STATEMENT ON THE INTERNAL
SITUATION IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR UNITY, SAID GOC
WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT FORMATION
OF ILLEGAL GROUPS, PROMISED TO COMPLETE PURGE WITH
GREATEST POSSIBLE SPEED, GAVE ASSURANCES OF LENIENCY
TO REPENTANT, AND THREATENED STRICT TREATMENT OF
THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO UNDERMINE THE STATE.
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